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The Page Nobody Reads

THE photograph reproduced on the cover of this issue suggests the charm and tranquillity of the French waterways on which the two chapel boats, *Le Bon Messenger* and *La Bonne Nouvelle*, conduct their mission of friendship and Christian service.

This idyllic condition of sunshine and rippling water does not always prevail. A recent letter from the Paris headquarters of *La Mission Populaire* recounted the adventures of the two captain evangelists, Chollet and Claerhout, during the recent floods which caused great damage and suffering to dwellers on the river banks.

For several weeks, the two captains were obliged to keep day and night vigil, one on the Oise River and the other on the Marne, to prevent a catastrophe which might have endangered their lives and impaired the usefulness of their boats. Fortunately, both were successful in their efforts, and no harm was done. Their regular meetings had to be abandoned during this period, although M. Chollet finally solved the difficulty by transporting his auditors from shore to ship in his rowboat.

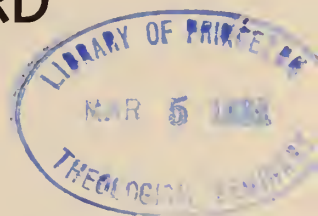


THIS writer has constantly stressed the fact that French and American children are growing up in a haze of mutual misunderstanding. Hollywood films, the foremost source of information to the French child, are certainly not to be offered as fair pictures of American life, customs and manners. A neat suggestion has been presented which may serve to give Mission children, at least, a clearer conception of what we really are, and strive to be. It is simply this. Send in to the Philadelphia or New York office postcards which illustrate our public buildings, schools, museums, play grounds, colleges, natural scenery, farm scenes, national parks, health clinics, social settlement houses, and the like.

A number of the Mission stations are equipped with projectors for showing pictures of this sort and their presentation will afford immense happiness to the children, and give them a better knowledge of our daily life and surroundings. Please help. It is worth the small effort it costs.

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Zachariah IV:6.

How Father Christmas Came to Nantes

A Typical Example of the Holiday Festivities in the Mission Populaire

By REV. GEORGES CADIER, *Director of the Fraternité*

I WOULD like to give an impression of the atmosphere in which our 1930 Christmas fêtes took place. Nothing is better able to reveal the life of our Fraternité.

We entered upon the month of December with three different emotions: an emotion of joyous activity caused by the fêtes of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Louveteaux, organized by M. and Mme. Portal; an emotion of religious edification and missionary zeal, brought by the visit of M. and Mme. Mabile who consecrated their lives to the evangelization of South Africa; and an emotion of sympathy for the daughter of M. Eriau, a Blue Cross member. This young girl was stricken with typhoid fever and nursed successfully night and day by Mlle. Grassmück.

On Sunday the fourteenth at morning worship and at the evening service, our listeners were urged to seek



More than 3,000 children are guests of McAll Mission every Christmas.

a personal knowledge of Jesus, who can only be found by those who wish to find Him.

On the Sunday preceding Christmas at the communion of all the churches connected with the World Alliance for International Friendship, our worship was consecrated to meditation upon the hymn, "Peace on Earth!" Then we found ourselves in Holy Week when the most hardened hearts open to joy. On Monday was the Bible reading course for adults. Tuesday was the day for the final choir rehearsal of our twenty singers, whose willingness was a pleasure to behold. Wednesday night was watch

night for young people and friends of the Blue Cross, with worship until midnight.

Finally Christmas day arrived, cloudy as usual in the gray city of Nantes. M. Garnier left early for Saint-Nazaire to take the place of M. Le Berre, the new director of the Fra-

ternité who is the minister of the Protestant Church of that city and who had been summoned to his former parish at Thiat, where he has not yet been replaced. After conducting a well-attended service, M. Garnier returned to Nantes in the early afternoon. Meanwhile, the congregation at Nantes had gathered at the Foyer de l'Âme of the Fraternité and were told of the unhappiness of those on whom the Christmas star has never risen and of the necessity of opening our hearts to the rays of this divine star which knows neither frontiers nor castes, which smiles upon our joys, shines upon our hopes, lights up our doubts and illuminates our sufferings. An earnest communion of the Last Supper, at which M. Portal assisted, brought together the greater part of the congregation.

At four o'clock in the afternoon the doors of the recreation hall were opened to the joyous invasion of a crowd so large that a great number of persons could find no place, as in the case of the Holy Family of Bethlehem. Our three hundred pupils, furnished in advance with invitation cards, occupied the first half of the seats, surrounded by devoted members of the staff. On their right were the girls and on their left the boys who formed a part of the choir. Behind and all the way to the back were massed our numerous friends, to whom were added as usual the curious, and a horde of children, of whom some will surely develop the desire to attend the Fraternité.

Silence was established as soon as

the first chorus began, "Salut, Noël, fête chérie!" to the inspiring tune of "la Cévenole." All listened attentively to the Christmas message,—the Beatitudes. Immediately after, we saw projected on the screen thirty reproductions of paintings by masters which the Protestant office procured for us. All eyes and hearts were enchanted by the Christmas Bells, the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Shepherds and the Wise Men. Then, following an old carol about the three wise men sung by the children, pictures of the Journey into Egypt, the Return to Galilee and the Education of the Holy Child were shown. All these pictures were accompanied by explanations as practical as possible. The natural conclusion was an ardent prayer, by M. Portal, for our children, for our families, for the Fraternité, for all the suffering and the burdened.

Then a celebrated hymn was sung with spirit—the Christmas carol by Adam: "Minuit, Chrétiens!" The audience could scarcely resist the impulse to applaud. Its attention was immediately absorbed by an operation of the greatest interest: the lighting of the candles of the magnificent tree which had been trimmed and set up on the stage. The children's eyes brightened like so many luminous dots. Our friend, Professor Duméril bent his tall form toward a group of enraptured poor children of whom one was his god-daughter. The entire hall was filled with excitement at the moment when the transparent curtain opened on what the newspapers called a "fairy landscape."



Christmas tree and entertainment at the Fraternité of Nantes.

The tree, a larch with gracious branches, glittered with silver trimmings. To the right and to the left were sheaves of flags. Along the walls and on the ceiling pretty green wreaths were arranged, thanks to the generosity of several of our friends who have gardens, and to the efforts of the Boy Scouts and our energetic concière, Mme. Forget. All around the stage festoons of leaves and flowers were displayed. And over all these beautiful decorations and over all our hearts reigned the spirit of brotherhood.

Suddenly we saw emerge from the back of the stage a man with a red coat and a white beard, carrying a pack on his back. It was Santa Claus, he who trims the lighted Christmas trees. He made sure that everything was

ready: tree, wreaths, lights, fruits and toys, and he wished great happiness to the children and their parents.

The little play that followed was scarcely ended when what the newspapers of our city called "the crowning moment of the fête" took place, when a breath of the joy of our childhood returned to us and made our hearts beat fast. It was the moment when six hundred little legs stamped and straightened out quickly and when three hundred little voices sang with all their might, "My Beautiful Fir-tree, King of the Forests." What conviction, what fervor, what a straining of all these little hearts toward the joy of Christmas!

This rapt attention was not diminished during the story of little Fritz, of the dark Zône of Paris, told with

animation by M. Garnier, so well-known and beloved, particularly by the beneficiaries of our colony of la Bernerie. Perhaps their interest flagged a little when I gave thanks to the donors and organizers to whom we owed that joyous celebration as well as to the faithful workers who were occupied with the children on Thursdays, Sundays and at the Ecole de Garde during the week; when I explained that the roses, the silver balls and the gilded ornaments had been prepared by the children themselves; and when I made an appeal for all our groups of young people. But the attention was real when I transmitted to all our friends, old and new, a message of faithful friendship from M. Chastand, the founder of the Fraternité, and when I gave to all the watchword: "Ye are the light of the world . . . May your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

A last hymn was sung, in which the voices of the adults alternated with those of the children.

Let us again quote the newspapers of Nantes: "How many poor little children, some walking in sandals on this cold, rainy day, pass by us. What will they find at home? Sometimes a chilly hovel, parents enervated or overpowered by alcohol. Yet they have had a moment of brightness, of a warm atmosphere of joy; they will have carried home with them a sweetmeat, a toy and an image which will be a lasting memory."

Turning New Soil

THE activities of the Associate Field Representative during the past month have included many aspects of field work and office details. The following Auxiliaries arranged for Miss Congdon to speak to their membership—Boston, East Orange, Washington and Detroit. In each instance several days were scheduled for other appointments in each locality for making new contacts with individuals and groups.

In Boston many new leaders were informed of McAll and expressed a keen desire to work with us. Mr. Kinsolving, rector of Trinity Church, has given his assurance that the McAll program will be presented to the Young People's Fellowship.

The Girl Scout director for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requested details of the vacation colony activities for presentation to all troops gathered in a state meeting in Boston recently. Dr. MacArthur, of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, will include McAll in the annual meeting program of that organization and will also publish a fifteen hundred word article in the official organ of that group. The Episcopal and Christian Endeavor headquarters are to introduce McAll to their church Sunday schools and groups respectively through the use of the Sunday school leaflets.

Thirty-five members of the newly organized Detroit group met February 4, at the home of Mrs. Albert Honywill, Jr., to increase Mme. Vachon's

collection of garments. At three o'clock the "Old Guard" (as they call themselves) attended the meeting. It was a new and touching experience to see these older McAll members looking with hope into the faces of younger women who are now going forward with high courage and zeal. Both Mrs. Jared Finney, president of the older organization, and Mrs. Henry Joy, treasurer for many years, gave inspiring messages. The afternoon was made still more enjoyable by the reception of twelve new members.

The remaining days of February were spent in Chicago attending sessions of the International Council of Religious Education and Field Secretaries' conferences. Through the courtesy of Russell Colgate, president of this council, a special breakfast conference was arranged for February 12, at half past seven, to give time for an informal presentation of McAll.

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How Rouen Made a Worthy Citizen for France

ANDRÉ MERCIER, eighteen years old, a turner, neither better nor worse than another, was raised by a neurasthenic mother of Catholic origin and a father who was Protestant in name but completely indifferent in practice.

He came to the Fraternité after having resigned from a Boy Scout troop of which he had been a member for several years, leaving behind him the impression of a colorless boy with

neither initiative nor strong personality,—one of those older boys who lack the qualities of a leader. This reputation seemed to be verified during the first few weeks of membership in the Boy Scout troop of the Fraternité.

Our co-operation with this troop led to frequent joint meetings, and very often the conversation turned to the need of personal experience with the Savior, replacing the inadequate religion learned from others.

Meanwhile our evangelization campaign took place, in February, 1930. Our friend Sabliet, of the Mission Populaire at Marseilles, developed, in the course of three meetings, the ever vital story of the Prodigal Son. Three striking pictures were revealed: the folly of the man who wants to live without God; the misery which results from it; the only possible way to return to the Father's house, the Cross.

After this campaign five young men asked for another interview with M. Sabliet concerning spiritual matters. When, before separating, we all knelt down together, we had the joy of hearing André Mercier, before his comrades and his own brother, give himself to God in one of those simple prayers without sentences.

Since then he has not ceased coming to see us and we frequently have had occasion to rejoice in the depth of judgment and earnestness which he brings to the reading of the Gospel which has become the center of his life.

This conversion produced immediate practical consequences. He began to search his memory for all his past misdeeds for which he could atone, for he was not satisfied with the usual "everyone does it."

Thus he returned to his employer a tool box made with wood from the shop, an action which brought upon him the disapproval of his companions and of the foreman.

Some time later he went to see two former employers to reimburse them for various things which he had appropriated—nails, screws, etc. These tradesmen could not believe their eyes, for they had never encountered such honesty among their workmen.

He acted in the same manner toward the director of the Practical School and the director of a dock-yard for naval construction, who replied to him with a very kind letter and turned the money over to the Welfare Bureau. This boy of nineteen thus sets a fine example to his comrades who now oppose his Christian living, as the consequence of the empty and formal religion of the foreman.

Mercier is now one of the most comforting and positive forces in our work. He has taken charge of the Boy Scout troop and exerts a powerful influence over it. Among the older boys especially there is a growing interest in spiritual questions which, at their own request, are the object of special meetings.

TH. RIÉBEL.

Your Library

THE following books have been received recently as an addition to the library in course of formation at Philadelphia headquarters:

France from Within—*Claire de Pratz.*

Initiation Protestante—*Freddy Dürleman.*

Nos Amis les Livres—*Louis Brunet.*

Grandeurs et Misères d'une Victoire—*Georges Clemenceau.*

In addition, the following periodicals are received regularly and are at the disposal of Record readers who are familiar with the French language:

L'Illustration.

Le Christianisme au XXème Siècle.

Le Christianisme Social.

Foi et Vie.

Subscribers are again reminded that reading material is available to the membership of the American McAll Association. Books may be borrowed for a period of two weeks at a cost of twenty-five cents.

Christmas Cards

THE Christmas cards offered to the membership of the American McAll Association for the 1930 season were cordially received. A re-order was found necessary to meet the demand, bringing the total sale to 11,400. The Orphan Fund, in whose favor these cards were produced, has been enriched by the sum of \$516.98.

Led by a Child

FRANÇOIS MARIE ALLÉE was born in 1877 at Saint-Brieuc, capital of the department of les Côtes du Nord in Brittany. The child became an orphan at the age of seven, which did not prevent him from serving an apprenticeship to a plasterer.

Being engaged in a good trade, he traveled from place to place and worked in a large number of localities in Brittany and Normandy. In 1913 he established himself at Nantes, where he became a workman for M. Bonjour, a master-mason.

Madame Allée, née Josephine Li-couet, was also from Saint-Brieuc. An orphan at the age of twelve, she had found herself at the head of a household consisting of two brothers and two sisters. She was to suffer from the intemperate habits contracted by her husband.

On April 9, 1920, Yvonne Allée was born, and then, on October 25, 1922, Jean Allée. The father was discharged by his employer several times for drunkenness. His health was shattered. The family knew poverty and all the distress produced by a fondness for drink.

However, near the rue Blanqui where they lived was the Fraternité of Nantes. From the time she was four years old Yvonne was a constant visitor. It was there that, on July 6, 1927, her father, desperate and tormented by his conscience, came to seek aid. He was haunted by thoughts of suicide.



An example of Christian influence. The family of François Allée, Nantes.

With the aid and counsel of M. Varloud and M. Garnier he took the Blue Cross temperance pledge. This was a miracle of regeneration.

Now M. and Mme. Allée are the keepers of the Fraternité play ground and live in healthful surroundings, their children thriving in the fresh air. M. Allée's employer declares he believes in miracles because this workman is now his confidential man whose example is inspiring to all his comrades. On February 16, 1930, Mme. Allée, taking by the hand her two children who are as intelligent as their parents, expressed her joy and gratitude from the platform of the Fraternité before five hundred listeners.

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Little Stories of Cheer Brought to French Children

GRENELLE

THE Christmas fête given by American college students of the Delaware group in Paris gave the greatest joy to our children. The party was well organized, and a warm welcome was given to the guests.

The families were asked by means of letters to have the children ready for the fête. On the day and hour mentioned a student came to bring each child in a taxi, and this journey was the beginning of fairyland.

When all the children had arrived, the students gave them a very interesting entertainment, followed by an excellent tea. To crown it all, every guest was offered a toy. Then each child, with heart and eyes glowing with pleasure, went home with the student who had adopted him for the day.

On the next day, M. Profit, father of little Mauricette, age ten, came to our center to tell us how thankful he was for the joy given to his little daughter.

Mauricette is a tiny, pale little girl. Her mother's health is so poor that she is hardly able to take care of either the child or of her small household. So the father, a round-headed, aggressive Breton, is obliged to look after the little girl.

The doll given to Mauricette by the American students came as a ray of

sunshine to this sad and dismal home, giving joy not only to the child but also to the mother and father. Little Mauricette comes regularly to our Sunday and Thursday schools. Through her we have been able to meet her parents.

The Bertha children live with their father and mother in one small hotel room. (There are four boys: age one, five, ten and twelve.) The five-year-old boy suffers from a nervous disease which prevents him from walking properly. His ten-year-old brother takes care of him and carries him to our center in his arms. The parents work all day.

An invitation to the American students' fête was issued to the eldest of the four boys, but the second one said, longingly, "Oh, I hope I shall be able to go next year." In the meantime, he proudly wears a suit given to his brother, and looks at himself in awe, as he never before has had a new suit of clothes. He is a very nice boy and comes regularly to our children's meetings, although he is very timid.

Last summer we sent him with his brother to our vacation colony at La Bernerie, on the coast of Brittany. Both boys benefited very much from this change of air. Their parents are honest, hard-working people, but are absolutely indifferent to religious matters.

The Chollet children belong to a very poor but respectable family. The mother knows how to make use of any old clothing which we give to them, so that the children always look neat. They come regularly to our children's meetings. One of them went to the students' Christmas tree fête, and came back in an ecstasy of joy.

Poor little Georgette Busson lives with her parents who are heavy drinkers, the mother, especially. Georgette is one of the faithful members of our "Cadettes" (Junior Y. W. C. A.). All we can do for her is to help her resist the bad examples around her.

She was given a lovely work-box, which she cherishes as a remembrance of the kindness of our friends. It will be a ray of light in the gloomy surroundings in which she lives.

Odette Legoff is one of the most regular in attendance at our schools. Her brother also never fails to come to the meetings of the Louveteaux and to other meetings. Their mother and father are honest workers of Roman Catholic origin. They met a Protestant woman who impressed them with her real piety, and who sent them to me when they first came to Paris. They have asked me to prepare their children for confirmation.

You can imagine Odette Legoff's joy when she brought back from this Christmas tree fête a beautiful doll and some cakes.

Of all the families which I mention here, the family of M. and Mme. Aube is the one most definitely attached to our center. I have baptized the children, and Mme. Aube is a faith-

ful attendant at our Mothers' meetings. I also have the pleasure of seeing M. and Mme. Aube frequently at our Sunday evening meetings, although they are hard workers and M. Aube's health is poor.

When I saw the toys which the little Aube boy brought back from the Christmas tree fête he was still looking at them with wonder and joy.

In the name of the families of Profit, Bertha, Chollet, Busson, Legoff and Aube, and in my own name I thank most heartily the benefactors of our children. What they have done for those little ones, they have done for the Lord. May this thought give them joy.

LOUIS BERTRAND.

LA BIENVENUE

ONE of the boys' Sunday School classes of the American Church of Paris (Quai d'Orsay) provides some poor families with a Christmas basket every year. This year they chose two families from La Bienvenue.

The Guillemier family received one of these baskets. Lucienne Guillemier (sixteen years old) writes as follows: "I have learned from Mme. Leenhardt that it was at your suggestion that the American students paid us a visit, and I wish to thank you in the name of my family.

"One week-day a young man, accompanied by two others, came to see us, and asked us what we would like to have for Christmas. Mother answered that Father would like to have a new shirt, that she would be pleased

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to have a blouse, and all the children needed shoes. A week later the young man came back alone to distribute the articles requested: a pair of stout boots for each of my two brothers, black shoes for my sister and for myself, a blue blouse for Mother, and a sturdy-looking shirt for Father.

"We are all very grateful for these gifts and my parents wish me to express their thanks."

The Guillemier family is in wretched circumstances. The father lost one eye and contracted tuberculosis as a consequence of the war. He spends most of his time in hospitals and sanatoriums. He comes home for a while, and works a little, but soon falls ill again.

The mother is courageous, but is worn out. During the war she worked in a munition factory, and is now hop-

ing to earn some money selling vegetables in the streets.

The eldest child, Lucienne, is learning bookbinding, but she is a delicate girl. The other three children—Clotilde, Emile and Eugene—go to school.

The Wynnepenninck family was the other one chosen by the American Sunday school class for a Christmas basket.

The father is a heavy drinker, fond of hunting. He never contributed a penny toward the support of his family, so his wife divorced him.

The mother is a worthy woman, never complaining and never asking charity. She works in an industrial plant, and her parents help in the upbringing of her three little girls—Mariette, eight years old; Rosette, seven; and Micheline, four. These little girls attend our children's meetings regularly. The oldest two have



Christmas play by children of the Fraternité of St. Quentin, of which the Reverend Marcel Payot is director.

enjoyed the benefits of our vacation colony at Gérardmer twice, and we continue to look after their health. They are both enthusiastic members of our younger Girl Scout group.



SALLE CENTRALE

ROBERT C., a little fellow nine years old, was very much excited when he received an invitation to a Christmas party, announcing that someone would come to take him there in a taxi and that a young girl, whose name was mentioned, would look after him, especially. I ought to say that his first impulse was to ignore this invitation, for he was very shy, but at length it was agreed that his brother Louis, a big boy of eleven, should accompany him on that great day.

Thus the two happy boys stepped into the taxi on the day of the fête. The warmth with which they were received and the beauty of the ceremony banished shyness and left them all the joy of seeing and hearing interesting things. When a handsome train on tracks was offered to Robert (his brother, of course, was not forgotten either), his happiness was complete. Was it not exactly what he wished more than anything else in the world? The taxi which had brought the two brothers to the fête took them home again, pressing their precious presents against their hearts. The memory of this wonderful Christmas will still be alive when some catastrophe (it happens even to railroads) will end the

career of the fine locomotive and its train.

These two boys had an older brother who died at the age of eighteen after having passed from hospital to sanatorium. They have lost several young brothers and sisters at an early age, victims of their father's intemperance and the unsanitary conditions in which they lived. For the entire family they have only one room on the fifth floor. One older brother, who, they say, had been going to the Mission since his early childhood, began receiving religious instruction at the Mission when he was eighteen. He is now president of our branch Y. M. C. A.

André C., one of the other happy guests, is being raised by a mother who earns her living by washing; his father is almost always sick. His older brother, who has attended at Salle Centrale for a long time, is now an artilleryman at Toulon. Having recently obtained a holiday, he came to pay me a visit.

Tcherkès Simon, a Hebrew, is a member of a poverty-stricken family with numerous children.

Simone C., the daughter of a poor widow, and a very good pupil at our Thursday school, was also invited.

Little Isabelle is the daughter of a concierge whose lodgings are on the first floor of a large and unhealthy workmen's tenement with neither light nor fresh air. She will need the benefits of our vacation colony next summer.

Ellen D. has four brothers and

sisters who live with their mother and father in a single room. What poverty!

All these children come to us joyfully and would spend most of their time in the streets if Salle Centrale did not exist. For each one of them the kind invitation of the American students was like a message from Heaven asking them to love the Savior in whose name they were invited to the fête.

ROBERT LORRIAUX.

FAUBOURG ST. ANTOINE

TUESDAY, December 30, was the date fixed for the "Noël" at the hall of the Mission Populaire in the Faubourg St. Antoine. Though small and humble, and situated in one of the poorest quarters of Paris, this hall has a glory all its own for it is one of the first rooms rented by Dr. McAll when he began his work in 1872. Mademoiselle Liénard, who so bravely directs this little center, had prepared just the right sort of tree for the sixty guests—grown-ups and children. Here again, Mademoiselle Pic gave several Christmas recitations and her friend sang Czecho-Slovak songs. It was interesting to see the weary faces smile or cloud over according to the theme of the recitations and to hear the children laugh at the songs, the words of which they understood not at all. Steaming bowls of chocolate and cakes were then partaken of. Monsieur Guex was there with his Christmas message. They always listen to him so earnestly for they know he understands and

sympathizes with their difficulties and struggles. It was an appealing little *fête de Noël* in the humble center in the Faubourg St. Antoine!

JAVEL

ON January 3, the diminutive room at 11, rue Gutenberg, Javel, where every Friday evening the Mission Populaire Evangélique holds a gospel meeting was crowded to capacity (in this case twenty-five persons sitting very closely together). It was their Christmas tree evening. Monsieur Bertrand, director of the Choral Society of the Mission, read and expounded verses from the Bible and led the singing of hymns. Mademoiselle Cheradame told a charming Norwegian story. Mlle. Gallet, who has taken care of this center since 1902 passed chocolate and cookies. It was a very small tree, hardly a yard high, sparsely decorated and lit with a few tallow candles. It could not have been more modest, yet they acclaimed it with the singing of the old French song, "Mon beau sapin, roi des forêts," with as much enthusiasm as if it were in truth a kingly tree. The gospel of contentment with little has been very effectually preached by the McAll Mission or else this little group was trying to dwell on the spiritual meaning of all Christmas trees.

A subscription to the "Record" releases fifty cents for France.

WANTED: \$10,000

WHEN, on April 2, the last check has been entered and the figures for the fiscal year totaled, will the American McAll Association be forced to admit that it has fallen short of its goal by the sum of \$10,000?

This question concerns every member. More than that, it vitally affects the activities of the McAll Mission, the daily life of its personnel, the onward course of its splendid work of evangelization.

**GIVE YOUR ANSWER IN THE MONTH OF
MARCH.**

GIVE TODAY.



Gleanings

News of McAll Groups Here and There

BOSTON

The Boston Auxiliary has been pursuing its usual round of activities, alternating program meetings with relief or sewing meetings, all of which have been well attended. At a January meeting the Associate Field Representative gave a talk on the subject, "Whither Bound in McAll?" illustrated by lantern slides showing some new phases of the Mission work. Two more relief meetings will close the year's activities.



BROOKLYN

On February 9, the Brooklyn Auxiliary held a meeting at which Dr. S. Parkes Cadman gave an inspiring talk. Dr. Cadman is enthusiastic on the subject of McAll activities in France.



BUFFALO SENIORS

The Senior and Junior groups of the Buffalo McAll Association are cooperating on features connected with the Annual Meeting of the American McAll Association to be held in Buffalo, May 13 and 14. These two groups acting as hostesses will endeavor to fill the requirements of that rôle to the credit of the local Auxiliary and also to the credit of the city of Buffalo.

BUFFALO JUNIORS

On January 17, the Field Representative presented his motion pictures at a joint meeting of the Junior and Senior groups.

Rapid progress is being made at the sewing meetings under the leadership of Mrs. Paul S. McCurdy, and it is hoped that fourteen dresses, two quilts and four layettes will be completed by May.

The Junior group gave a card party on February 2 in the Buffalo Consistory to defray a portion of the expenses of the Annual Meeting to be held in Buffalo, May 13 and 14. The attendance of four hundred members and friends of both the Junior and Senior groups made the party successful socially and financially. Preceding the card party a luncheon, attended by seventy guests, was given in the Consistory.

The Buffalo Junior group is gratified by its representation on the National Board, in the person of Mrs. Dana B. Hellings.



BUFFALO STUDENT GROUP

The Buffalo McAll Student group meets regularly every month. This year they have made four complete layettes, and have sewed pieces for quilts.

Their aim this year is to send enough money to pay for a bed in the Buffalo Junior Maisonette at Coqueréaumont, to be called "The Buffalo Student McAll Bed," and enough more for a child to spend his summer at Coqueréaumont and to occupy this bed, as they hope to have letters next year from some one they have directly helped.

Three talented members of this student group will entertain with a musical program at the Silver Tea they are giving on March 20 at the home of their leader, Mrs. John F. Beckert. The officers of this alert organization are: Miss Margaret Strasser, president; Miss Henriette Boldt, secretary; Miss Christine Hartburg, treasurer.

EASTON

At the first meeting in the Fall a luncheon was served to all the members by a committee of which Miss Esther Bixler was chairman. This was both financially and socially successful. Following the luncheon a playlet was given with much spirit, the first McAll meeting held in the United States being cleverly presented in the costumes of the time.

At a later meeting, Mr. Bittner brought the moving pictures taken in France last summer. This meeting was well attended and the first hand information was enthusiastically received. A money raising project now under way is a "beach pajama" affair. Miniature pajamas of gay material were distributed at a recent meeting

to be returned next month with the little pocket filled with pennies to correspond in number with the inches of waist measure to which the member confesses.

ITHACA

In a letter addressed to Mrs. Henry S. Williams, who is the McAll organization of Ithaca, New York, the Reverend Alfred P. Coman, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of that city, offers his support to the McAll program in the following words: "I would suggest that when your Annual Report is published you send us an article we can use in our church bulletin and urge support of the Mission."

MAPLEWOOD, N. J.

The Maplewood FrAm celebrated its fifth birthday on Friday, February 13. On that occasion the Field Representative showed his motion pictures of McAll in action.

The collection taken at this meeting, together with the sale of articles made by the children of the FrAm, will enable this group to send four French children to a vacation colony during the coming summer session.

A history of the FrAm, written by Mrs. Laura E. Anthony, appears on another page of this issue of the Record.

MERIDEN

Mrs. Abraham R. Perkins was the speaker at the annual reception of the

Auxiliary, held in the parlors of the First Methodist Church on Friday, February 27.

MINNEAPOLIS

1. What the Minneapolis Auxiliary has done recently.

Decidedly the outstanding event has been the first visit of the Field Representative to our Auxiliary and city. On Wednesday evening, January 21, a small but enthusiastic gathering of young people was held in the parlors of Westminster Presbyterian Church. All present were greatly interested in the pictures and accompanying talk and the many questions asked at the close bore testimony to their interest.

The next day a "Silver Tea" was held also in Westminster Church preceded by a showing of the pictures in the chapel. Great enjoyment of this new method of telling the McAll Story was expressed both at the time and since, proving that the McAll movies are certainly "the thing." Mr. Bittner spoke also at the church dinner the same evening to an audience of men and women.

2. What the Auxiliary is doing now.

It is conducting all day sewing meetings to fill a box of clothing to be sent to France with the April consignment.

3. What it is planning to do in the coming months.

a. Work for the box every other week. b. Push the membership campaign. c. Hold a "Food-Craft Luncheon" on February 19, when we hope to raise some extra money.

MONTCLAIR

Dr. George E. Raiguel, of Philadelphia, addressed the membership at their regular winter meeting. His topic was, "America and France—a Challenge."

NEWARK

The Newark Auxiliary will give its annual tea on Friday, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Augustine Fiske. Miss Elizabeth Congdon, Associate Field Representative, will be the speaker.

NEW HAVEN

In January a reception at the home of Mrs. Rutherford Trowbridge provided an opportunity for McAll members to meet Mrs. Helen M. Craig, of Boston, president of the Association, and Mrs. A. R. Perkins, its treasurer for thirty-six years, who resigned last Spring to make her home in New Haven with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Hemingway. Mrs. John F. Trumbull and Mrs. James S. Hemingway presided at the tea table. About two hundred guests attended this delightful function.

NEW YORK

A beautiful and valuable rug has been given to the Auxiliary to be sold for the benefit of McAll work. It is a linen back chenille copy of an Aubusson carpet, 19 feet by 29 feet, in a lovely floral design of beige and Burgundy red with a border of wine color and rose. The rug is in first-class con-

dition and is made of materials which are no longer available. For further information please address

NEW YORK MCALL AUXILIARY
5 East 48th Street
New York City

April 15 has been set as a tentative date for the Spring Tea to be given at St. Nicholas Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 48th Street.

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PHILADELPHIA

Our fiftieth anniversary celebration last year left us "faint yet pursuing." Philadelphia shares with other Auxiliaries the world-wide financial depression, unemployment and prevailing sickness. Our Field Representative presented his moving pictures in January in two of our churches and one Sunday school and has other appointments. We held one public meeting in the First Presbyterian Church when Mrs. Laura E. Anthony, president of Newark Auxiliary, gave an enthusiastic account of her visit to the Mission last summer. At our February monthly meeting Mrs. Gladstone Fessenden, of Summit Church, Germantown, told of her vivid reaction this summer to her visits to Maison Verte, Arcueil, Cachan and the Bon Messenger. We hope to meet our regular pledge and not disappoint our faithful French workers, whose whole-hearted consecration and thrifty use of funds are a never ending cause of wonder and gratitude. Grateful letters from our orphans also rejoice our hearts.

PITTSBURGH

Sixty members of the Pittsburgh Auxiliary gathered in the home of Miss Jean McKinney, recording secretary, to meet the Field Representative and to see his motion pictures of McAll activities in France. The stressing of international friendship through work for and among children won unqualified approval. Mrs. Moses Atwood, an active manager since the Auxiliary was organized forty-three years ago, and Mrs. Christian McKee, also a manager of long standing, presided at the tea table. Among those present was M. Emile Majerus, a teacher of French. A society weekly circulated on that occasion disclosed the interesting fact that on that same date "about twenty-nine years ago," Mrs. McKee had entertained the managers of the Auxiliary in her own home, and that a musical had been planned as a McAll benefit.

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ROCHESTER

The work of the Rochester group is carried on quietly but steadily. In addition to meetings of the Executive Board, one or two large meetings are held during the year. The Auxiliary is arranging to have such a meeting in March. The group of younger people sew regularly on layettes to send to France and give entertainments to provide the money for materials.

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ST. PAUL

There has been an encouraging renewal of interest in McAll in this city.

Miss Congdon last year gave impetus to that forward movement and the visit of the Field Representative further emphasized it on the occasion of his illustrated talk, January 23. Miss Wheelock, collector in the House of Hope Church, is assisting Mrs. Mc-Millan with the box of clothing and other articles to be sent to France.

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WASHINGTON

Upon the recommendation of the Paris office the Washington Auxiliary has voted the disposition of a sum of \$500, a legacy from the estate of Miss Annie L. Edwards.

This sum is to be used for the furnishing of two bedrooms on the second dormitory floor of the château of Coqueréaumont. Suitable plaques will be put in place to indicate the gift as a memorial to Miss Edwards.

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WEST CHESTER

The enthusiasm of the Auxiliary has expressed itself in the efforts of its membership in presenting the McAll story to missionary societies and Sunday schools of a number of churches in West Chester. An important meeting will be held in the Spring immediately following the Annual Meeting in Buffalo.

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WORCESTER

Worcester Auxiliary has quite a good membership but the attendance at the meetings is quite small. We have very good programs and those who attend enjoy them very much.

At our last meeting the questions in the November Record, previously assigned to different members, made a very interesting program. The papers showed thought and study and we were all a little wiser about French history.

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First McAll Orphan Joins His Master

IN a small village of Brittany lives the family of a war-widow and her two sons. Living is hard for the poor woman whose health is far from good, and had she not been helped by a generous American "marraine" and of late by an English friend, she and her boys would often have been in dire misery.

Madame Rostrem was brought to know the Lord shortly after her husband had been killed on the battlefield, and it is her faith that has helped her to bear with wonderful courage all she has gone through these last years. Her eldest son, Marcel, was taken ill in 1922, when about twelve years old and has died quite lately after intense suffering.

Early in December last, Madame Rostrem wrote a letter in which her gratitude toward God, filled each line, because her boy, realizing that the end was near, wished to make a public confession of the salvation he had found in his Saviour. After the little weekly meeting held in this poor room was over, Marcel told his friends of the assurance he had that his sins

were forgiven and he wished all those present to know he was ready to die. He begged them earnestly to give their hearts to God. Before parting he wished them to sing a hymn beginning with these lines, "Hold My Hand in Thine."

May these lines be an encouragement to those who work for the Master and who may at times have been tempted to think that their efforts have been in vain, or their prayers unanswered. Marcel Rostrem was the first orphan adopted by the American McAll Association in 1916 and his adopter, Miss E. P. Martin, of Montclair, N. J., has never ceased her generous interest in her ward and his brother.

A. ROUSTAIN.



Mademoiselle Micheline Deransart, evangelist-nurse of the Fraternité of Rouen with the bicycle given to her by the Junior group of Hartford.

Engagements Afield

DURING the months of January and February the Field Representative had the following opportunities to present the McAll program:

- January 11—Gethsemane Baptist Church, Philadelphia.
- January 12—Easton, Pa.
- January 14—Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.
- January 17—Buffalo. Presentation of motion pictures to a group of children in the morning, and a special meeting of the combined Senior and Junior McAll groups in the afternoon.
- January 18—East Aurora, N. Y. Presentation of motion pictures.
- January 21—Minneapolis. Young people's group in Westminster Church in evening.
- January 22—Minneapolis. Meeting of McAll Auxiliary in Westminster Church in afternoon.
- January 23—St. Paul. Special meeting in the home of Mrs. Dean, president of St. Paul Auxiliary.
- January 25—Toledo, Ohio. Presentation of motion pictures.
- January 27—Detroit. Discussion with Executive Committee of newly organized McAll group.
- January 29—Pittsburgh. Meeting of McAll group in the home of Miss McKinney.
- February 4—Baltimore. Meeting of McAll Auxiliary in First Presbyterian Church.

February 6—Plainfield, N. J. Auxiliary meeting in the home of Mrs. Corbusier.

February 10—Larchmont, N. Y. Auxiliary meeting in Larchmont Avenue Church.

February 13—FrAm meeting, Maplewood, N. J.

Seeing Is Believing

IN seeking an evaluation of the work done by an institution such as the Mission Populaire, first consideration must be given to the testimony of those who have actually seen the activities in operation and who are in position to measure the results accomplished.

The following letters are presented as proof of the conviction that the greatest enthusiasm for the profound influence of the McAll program comes from those who are or who have been eye-witnesses of the benefits conferred.

In a letter addressed to the Associate Field Representative, Dean Beekman, of the American Pro-Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity of Paris, says:

"First, may I express my deepest admiration for the truly wonderful work done among the French during the past fifty years by the Mission. Its effect, morally, spiritually and physically, upon tens of thousands of lives is beyond calculation. The vacation colonies for the children, alone, and the regular work done on the Mission boats by your self-sacrificing members of La Mission Populaire Evangélique de France should command the respect of every Christian."

Addressing Miss Patterson, chair-

man of the Paris Auxiliary, Rev. Henry R. Wadleigh, former Canon Chaplain of St. Luke's Chapel of the American Cathedral in Paris, writes as follows:

"Since leaving Paris, after three years of residence, I have been wanting to write you something of the impression which the years there have brought to me of the work done by the Mission Populaire (The McAll Mission, as we know it in America), in which you yourself take such great interest, in which you interest so many of us who have had some opportunity of hearing of the work, through you.

"The name of the McAll Mission has been for many years an honored name to Americans. For me, however, it was little more until I lived in Paris and had the privilege of being present, from time to time, at the meetings of the Mission. There were the reports, written and spoken, of the regular work done by the Society: the shelters in Paris and in the provincial cities, the classes conducted by the officers of the Society, the summer camps for children in the countryside, the trips of the Mission's boat up and down the rivers of France. There were also, from time to time, reports of the emergency work done by the Society, when a special need arose—such as the shelters maintained in Paris during the spell of great cold, two years ago, when the Mission offered without question to any in need shelter, warmth and food. There were also the reports of the work carried on by the pastors of the Society, among the very poor, among the homeless, among the children, among the so-called criminal classes, work which no one could listen to unmoved. Sometimes the speakers were men and sometimes women. Often we heard a report of the work done together by husband and wife, both giving up their lives and their devotion to the rescue work of the Society. I think no one would have heard these reports as I heard them, without the conviction that the Mission Populaire is carrying on a work which is done by no other organization, without understanding that if the society were not there to carry out just that work it would perhaps perforce have to be left undone, without a very deep admiration for the workers who carry it on with such enthusiasm and faithfulness."

Sunday School Literature

A New Series of Leaflets for Use Among Children and Young People

MCALL literature for use in Sunday schools has been enriched by the appearance of five leaflets of which preliminary mention was made in the January Record.

To meet modern requirements in the present day Sunday school curriculum, this collection of leaflets embraces the four age groups into which Sunday school activities are divided, and includes an informative folder for the use of leaders.

A card entitled, "A Little Friend in France," is intended for distribution to children three to six years of age.

The attractively illustrated story of Marie and Jacques appears in the leaflet, "My Friends in France." This will appeal to children six to twelve years of age.

For the next age group, twelve to sixteen years, the vacation colonies are given prominence. A short French lesson is also included. The title is "Sharing Joys."

The fourth of the series, "Glimpses of McAll Mission," is designed for young people's groups in the Sunday school. Concise histories of the Mission Populaire and of the American McAll Association are given, as well as the announcement of a motor visitation trip in France, and on account of

Mlle. Merle d'Aubigné's activities among American students in Paris.

The leaflet, "A Friendly Venture for French Youth," is for distribution to teachers and leaders. It contains a bibliography admirably chosen to direct attention and thought to a better appreciation of the French people, their habits, customs and temperament. Projects for each age group are outlined, showing the possibility of securing and maintaining interest in the Mission's program. Specific needs for the year 1931-1932 are mentioned as an incentive for group action.

Printed in black and decorated with the colors of the French flag, this series of leaflets is an outstanding contribution to McAll literature. The planning of this material is due to the combined efforts of the Sunday School Committee, of which Mrs. Wendell Reber is chairman; of Miss Congdon, Associate Field Representative, and in large measure, of Miss Charlotte C. Tompkins, of Utica, N. Y.

Sample copies of these leaflets and complete information concerning the extension of the McAll program in Sunday schools may be had by addressing Miss Elizabeth Congdon, care of American McAll Association, 270 Park Avenue, Apartment G-12, New York City.

Children's Epiphany Service, Paris

AS in 1930, an Epiphany service for children was again held in January of this year at St. George's Church, Paris. The Rev. F. Anstruther Cardew invited all English-speaking children to be present. It was a very wet and wintry afternoon but quite a few brave ones, both grown-ups and children, came and enjoyed the service which Mr. Cardew so touchingly conducts.

The children brought toys and books which they placed before the crèche. These were afterwards given to M. Chastand, director of the *Mission Populaire*, and distributed through him to poor French children.

At the conclusion of the service all filed by to see the crèche and the array of toys which are, at this moment, bringing much joy and happiness to many little ones in this city.

That the toys mentioned above will find happy homes is attested by the following letter, written by Mme. Vachon to Miss Greenough, treasurer of the Paris Auxiliary:

Dear Miss Greenough:

I was really astonished at the quantity of toys received last week. It was a real joy to make unexpected discoveries among the numerous packages and to imagine the sacrifice gladly made by a child who denies himself to give happiness to another less fortunate than he.

I was touched by the boy who attached to his package a card with these words: "Happy New Year to my little

comrade"; the little girl who parted, not without grief, from a shaggy dog, tenderly loved, bearing the message, "Greetings from Rose"; and the mother or big sister who lovingly filled a crêpe de chine sack with sweetmeats which will certainly be the delight of our little ones. Among the playthings was a magnificent doll's coach, a rocking-horse, cart, scrap-book, books and various games which will be very much appreciated at our vacation colonies. It is very difficult to amuse all the children on rainy days, and at those stations which have no playground we must find a means of interesting them on Thursday afternoons, so you can imagine how much we welcome these toys. Some of them will be sent as usual to delight the children of our pastoral households.

April 2

MRS. Richard S. McKinley, treasurer of the American McAll Association, calls attention to a change in the closing date of the fiscal year. April 3, heretofore the last day on which receipts could be accepted, falls this year on Good Friday, a bank holiday.

April 2 has been chosen by the National Board for the official closing of the Association's books. Treasurers and others are asked to send their remittances in ample time to reach the Philadelphia office not later than the first morning mail of April 2.

The FrAm

A Method of Developing Friendship between French and American Children

By MRS. LAURA E. ANTHONY

THE following story of the Maplewood, N. J., FrAm, written by Mrs. Laura E. Anthony, who, with Miss Elizabeth R. Smillie, directs the activities of that thriving group, exemplifies what may be done by unceasing effort for definite children in France by children in America.

Officers and members of McAll Auxiliaries are urged to read this story, consider the possibilities of a similar organization in their respective localities, and write to Mrs. Henry W. LeBoutillier, Chairman, FrAm Committee, Apartment G-12, 270 Park Avenue, New York City, for further information and literature.

IN the early Spring of 1926, a Sunday School class of seven young girls in the Presbyterian Church of Maplewood, N. J., having heard of McAll work in France from their teacher, Miss Elizabeth R. Smillie, expressed their desire to help. They were given large cretonne bags which they filled with toys and other articles for the Mission children. These were exhibited in the church rooms, the price of admission being a toy or its price in money.

In the Fall, these girls were organized into a FrAm. It grew rapidly to thirty members before the year ended. Up to date, 150 girls have been en-

rolled upon our FrAm records. This enrollment has varied from 14 to 50 at a time. Our average attendance has been about three-quarters of the total number.

They began with the making of worsted balls, followed by the assembling of scrapbooks made of postal cards. Next they embroidered (outlining and cross-stitching) towels, aprons, bureau covers, runners, buffet sets, table covers, napkins, curtains and many novelties. This year crocheting is being done, and the covering of glass jars with floral designs which are to be shellacked. In this way the children's interest seems to keep up without much effort. We work for thirty minutes, then play for thirty minutes under the direction of a Girl Scout or two.

Every year we have a sale by which we keep our pledges to the work. The first year we had a doll show in connection with the sale. It was a splendid exhibit with dolls from all over the world,—one doll a hundred years old and another one seventy-five years. The next year we had a hobby show in connection with our FrAm sale. This revealed much talent among our young people. A tea with Mrs. Kelley as speaker was the feature another time.

The French flag is always displayed at our meetings and something of the McAll work among the French children is told.

We have supported an orphan these past years and the letters we receive from her contribute a great deal to the interest. Last summer we sent four children from the Zone to Coqueréaumont and bought a goat for that vacation colony. We have made two installments to the water supply fund and have also contributed to other special objects.



Do Mission Directors Keep Busy?

THOSE of our readers who have not had an opportunity to view the activities of the Mission Populaire are possibly not aware that the men and women who direct the Mission stations lead an intensive, exacting and fatiguing life.

The following program for the month of January at the Fraternité of Nantes is typical of Mission programs throughout the entire organization and illustrates the range of activities for which the director is responsible:

Every Monday, 8.15 P. M. Band practice.
Every Tuesday, 8.15 P. M. Choral Society.
Every Wednesday, 8.15 P. M. Girl Scouts and band practice.
Every Thursday, 9.30 A. M. Wolf Cubs.
10.30 A. M. Music lessons. 1.30 P. M. School for boys and girls.
Every Friday, 8.15 P. M. Boy Scouts.
Every Saturday, 8.15 P. M. Y. M. C. A., Friends of the Blue Cross, sewing class for young women.
Every Sunday, 4.30 P. M. Meetings for young women and girls, Sunday school, Y. M. C. A.
First Thursday, Fraternité closed all day.

Second Thursday, 4.00 P. M. Educational motion picture films.

8.15 P. M. History class.

Third Thursday, 8.15 P. M. Prayer meeting.

Fourth Thursday, 8.15 P. M. Meeting of Blue Cross.

Fifth Thursday, 8.15 P. M. Bible study class.

Fourth Saturday, 8.15 P. M. Social study class.

Fifth Saturday, 8.15 P. M. Entertainment by young people's societies.

First Sunday, 8.15 P. M. Family evening.

Second Sunday, 8.15 P. M. Lecture.

Third Sunday, 8.15 P. M. Temperance talk with motion pictures.

Fourth Sunday, 8.15 P. M. Lecture.

Every school day, 4.30 P. M. Ecole de Garde for children.

It will be noticed from the above schedule that one day only of the month (first Thursday) is allotted to the personnel for rest and relaxation.



A Correction

Through a typographical error in the January issue the following names appeared in the Minneapolis list of the Quarter Century Club. This group of McAll members with twenty-five years or more of continuous service should have been credited to Newark, New Jersey:

Miss Theresa Bennet
Mrs. Charles Hedden
Mrs. S. A. Nichols
Miss Mary Baker
Miss Anna Haebshoune
Miss Grace Merry
Mrs. Isaac Alling
Mrs. Frederick Johnson
Miss Mary C. Johnson
Mrs. J. S. Reppil
Mrs. Laura E. Anthony
Mrs. J. Huyler Smith

Dynamic Detroiters

DETROIT likes to be called dynamic. Of the adjective, Mr. Webster had this to say: "dynamic . . . belonging to or having energy or effective action; forceful." According to Mr. Webster, then, the new Detroit McAll Auxiliary is dynamic.

Far be it from a Detroitter to remark that the most "dynamic" force behind the new venture hails from

Hartford, in the person of Mrs. Albert Honywill, Jr., who, by telephone and otherwise, has managed to interest a remarkably large group of young women in McAll within a few weeks. Mrs. Honywill was organizer and president of the Hartford Junior Auxiliary. As vice-president in Detroit, she is heart and soul behind the work of the new Auxiliary.

Of course, if it had not been for Miss Congdon we might have a dif-



McAll booth at the National Student-Faculty Conference, Detroit, December 27-31. Seven hundred delegates learned about McAll from Mrs. J. E. Forrest and Mrs. Albert Honywill, Jr., respectively president and vice-president of the Detroit Auxiliary.

ferent story to tell. Her two exhilarating talks here, one in December, and one on February 4, have undoubtedly been the two big lifts needed to pull the infant society to its feet.

The meeting of February 4 was really a tremendous success. Mrs. Honywill opened her home to McAll for the second time this season, and the members of the "Old Guard," who have supported McAll by their gifts for about thirty years, were invited to meet with the new group. This group was represented by Mrs. J. W. Finney, and Mrs. Henry B. Joy, for many years president and treasurer, respectively; Miss Martha Miller, Mrs. Charles F. Mann, Mrs. Oren Scotten, Mrs. E. W. Stoddard, and the Misses Helen and Anna Roby.

In addition to Miss Congdon's informal talk, we heard a few words of reminiscence from Miss Miller, who is nearly ninety-five years old, and from both Mrs. Finney and Mrs. Joy. Motion pictures of McAll work in France were shown and tea was served at the close of the afternoon.

The officers of the Detroit Auxiliary are as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. J. W. Finney.

Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Henry B. Joy.

President, Mrs. J. E. Forrest.

Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Honywill, Jr.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Phillip Baker.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Milton W. Pettibone.

Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Chamberlain.

Mrs. Henry Sturtevant, formerly of Hartford, is the very valuable chairman of sewing. She is calling an extra all-day meeting at her home to ensure the finishing of all garments which should leave Detroit by April 1, insisting that she will serve lunch to all who come.

It has been decided to continue the afternoon meetings for the rest of the season, following the afternoon's work with a cup of tea. Next year, however, we plan to spend a whole day together once a month. At that time we hope to take up a course in French history, with programs starting promptly at eleven o'clock. We shall have a pot-luck lunch at twelve, and sew in the afternoon.

PAULINE STARKWEATHER,

Chairman of Publicity,
Detroit McAll Auxiliary.

Grenelle Children Honored

A NUMBER of children from the Fraternité of Grenelle undertook the sale of anti-tuberculosis stamps on the streets in their quarter. Their efforts were so successful that the Secretary General of the Comité de Patronage of the 15th ward of Paris wrote to M. Bertrand, "In the name of the committee, I wish to thank you for the excellent work done by your children. I am sending you two medals as a reward to the two children whose sales were highest."

Receipts of the American McAll Association from Auxiliaries and Churches

December 4, 1930—February 4, 1931—\$12,458.72

MASSACHUSETTS, \$1,198.50		PENNSYLVANIA, \$2,535.75	
Boston Auxiliary	\$ 718.00	Easton Auxiliary	\$ 73.00
Pittsfield Auxiliary	188.50	Moylan	8.00
Springfield Auxiliary	236.00	Philadelphia Auxiliary	2,404.75
Worcester Auxiliary	56.00	West Chester Auxiliary	50.00
CONNECTICUT, \$1,990.00		DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, \$648.77	
Hartford Auxiliary	\$ 679.00	Washington Auxiliary	\$ 645.77
Legacy, J. Warren Harper	500.00	Washington	3.00
Hartford Junior Auxiliary	36.00	FLORIDA, \$36.00	
New Britain Auxiliary	225.00	Gainesville	\$ 36.00
New Britain Children's Auxiliary	36.00	MARYLAND, \$50.00	
New Haven Auxiliary	512.00	Baltimore	\$ 50.00
New Haven FrAm	2.00	MINNESOTA, \$250.00	
NEW YORK, \$3,209.95		Minneapolis Auxiliary	\$ 250.00
Buffalo Auxiliary	\$ 808.00	DELAWARE, \$36.00	
Ithaca Circle	10.00	Wilmington Auxiliary	\$ 36.00
Larchmont Auxiliary	7.00	MISCELLANEOUS	
New York Auxiliary	2,173.50	Per A Friend	\$ 10.00
Troy Auxiliary	211.45	Per Anonymous	25.00
NEW JERSEY, \$1,719.50		Per "A Tither"	5.00
Elizabeth Auxiliary	\$ 27.50	Per FrAm Committee	37.00
Montclair Auxiliary	235.00	Per The Needlework Guild of America	89.00
Newark Auxiliary	223.00	Per Sale of Christmas Cards	613.00
Maplewood FrAm	18.00	Per Sale Poulbot Cards	5.25
Auxiliary of the Oranges	862.50		
Plainfield Auxiliary	277.00		
Princeton Circle	58.50		
Princeton	18.00		

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